

LONGEST U.S. WAR ENDING SATURDAY!

Nixon Announces 'Peace With Honor'; POW's Home In 60 Days

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, claiming all conditions for "peace with honor" have been met, has announced agreement on a Vietnam accord that will end

America's longest war on Saturday.

In a television-radio address to the nation Tuesday night, Nixon did not specify whether the Washington-Hanoi pact,

initiated Tuesday in Paris and due for signing there Saturday, would end the fighting in Laos and Cambodia as well as Vietnam.

Nor did he detail the peace-

keeping machinery or the formula for settling South Vietnam's political future.

These and other questions presumably would be answered, at least in part, with

the release today of the text of the agreement and an assortment of associated diplomatic documents.

Hailed by South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu, and announced in bold terms by Hanoi radio, the peace pact as Nixon outlined it calls for:

—An internationally-supervised cease-fire to take effect at 7 p.m. EST Saturday.

—Release of all American war prisoners within 60 days thereafter, "the fullest possible accounting" for all missing in action, and—during the same period—withdrawal of all American forces from South Vietnam.

Nixon asserted that the agreement, signed by aide Henry A. Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho, meets all conditions "that we considered essential for peace with honor."

The chief executive, without going into detail, declared:

"The people of South Vietnam have been guaranteed the right to determine their own future, without outside interference."

All during the decade-long conflict that claimed 350,000 American casualties, this in essence was the major stated goal of U.S. policy.

One who stood by that goal to the point of retiring from the presidency as the war generated increasing homefront dissent was the late Lyndon B. Johnson, whose body was being flown here today to lie in state under the Capitol dome. Of his Democratic predecessor, Nixon said:

"In his life President Johnson endured the vilification of those who sought to portray him as a man of war,

But there was nothing he cared about more deeply than achieving a lasting peace in the world. No one would have welcomed this peace more than he."

Nixon emphasized, in his 11-minute address from the White House (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Berrien Day Of Prayer Sought

The executive director of the Berrien County Council of Churches has sent a letter to all clergy in the county, asking that Saturday and Sunday be days of prayer over a cease-fire in Vietnam and hopes for peace.

The letter, by Director Arnold R. Bolin, states:

"Brothers and Sisters of the clergy:

"Last night, we heard the long-awaited, frequently prayed for, announcement that peace is at hand in Southeast Asia."

"Assuming that all will go according to the announced plan, seven o'clock on Saturday evening will bring joy and relief, not only on the face of this earth, but in the very courts of heaven!"

"Therefore, I propose that on Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, in every synagogue and church in Berrien county, earnest prayer be offered to Almighty God,

"(1) Giving sincere thanks for the cease-fire;

"(2) Interceding for the POW's and MIA's, that their safety and well-being may be guarded, as well as that of their families; and,

"(3) Petitioning for a lasting nature of the peace which will lead to human dignity and genuine reconciliation."

"I trust that such a day of prayer will be a humble acknowledgement of our individual and corporate repentance, and a sign of our turning anew unto our Father in Heaven."



TEARS FOR POW DAD: Debbie Christian, 13, daughter of Lt. Cmdr. and Mrs. Mike Christian of Virginia Beach, Va., wipes her eyes as she hears President Richard Nixon announce peace in Vietnam Tuesday night. Debbie can't remember her father, a U.S. Navy flier, who has been a prisoner of war for more than six years. (AP Wirephoto)

Offices To Close In Honor Of LBJ

All federal offices including post offices, the draft board and social security administration will be closed Thursday in honor of former President Lyndon B. Johnson.

President Nixon declared Thursday a national day of mourning and ordered flags at half staff and federal offices closed.

The body of the 36th President of the United States will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda until services scheduled tomorrow in Washington.



REFLECTING: Mrs. Lyndon Johnson, hands clasped in front of her, stares ahead as a minister delivers a short eulogy as the body of her husband, former President Lyndon B. Johnson, lay in state at the LBJ Library in Austin, Tex., Tuesday. (AP Wirephoto)



AIRMAN'S REACTION TO NIXON SPEECH: "I'm going home," shouts Lt. Samuel C. Moon, right, of Greensboro, N.C., as he listens to President Nixon's speech on Vietnam ceasefire Wednesday at Tan Son Nhut air base, near Saigon. After listening to the

speech, Lt. Moon climbed into his rocket-armed forward air-control plane and flew off on a mission. Lt. Lewis S. Weiland, left, of Jackson, Tenn. also heard the President's report. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S. Envoys Held Captive

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Two armed men and a woman held U.S. Ambassador Clinton E. Knox and Consul

General Ward Christiansen captive in the ambassador's residence today. A reliable source said they were

demanding the release of 31 prisoners held by the Haitian government and a Pan American plane to take all of them to Mexico.

The French and Canadian ambassadors negotiated with the three captors and then went to the presidential palace early this morning to confer with President Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Ambassador Knox also talked with Duvalier by telephone.

"There has been no violence as far as we know," said an embassy spokesman.

The 64-year-old ambassador's family was reported in the United States.

Knox was forced from his car late yesterday afternoon on his way home to the embassy residence, a rambling house in the foothills on the outskirts of Port Au Prince.

A night watchman at the residence said two men, a girl

and the ambassador drove up to the gate about 5 p.m. in a small car with license plates indicating it was a rental vehicle.

The watchman said the ambassador asked that the group

be let through the gates. The two other men had pistols, the watchman reported.

An informed source said Knox telephoned Christiansen during the evening, and he went to the embassy residence.

Details Of Peace Pact Revealed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Washington and Hanoi unveiled today the details of an intricate peace package that limits an impending cease-fire to South Vietnam without insuring a halt to fighting among contending factions in Cambodia and Laos.

A 12-page agreement, to be signed Saturday in Paris before the Vietnam cease-fire takes effect at 7 p.m., EST, that day, does call for the withdrawal of North Vietnamese and other troops from Laos and Cambodia.

"The internal affairs of Cambodia and Laos," said the document, "shall be settled by the people of each of these countries without foreign interference."

In essence, the agreement and four accompanying diplomatic documents, called protocols, drew close to a Washington-Hanoi draft agreement made known last Oct. 26—the day when Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's chief negotiator, proclaimed that "peace is at hand."

The settlement package calls for a four-power international control commission force of 1,

160 persons to go to South Vietnam as a peace-keeping unit. The number contrasted with the original Hanoi demand for a ceiling of 250 personnel and an American suggestion of 5,000.

Despite the imminence of the cease-fire, Communist attacks in South Vietnam doubled overnight. South Vietnamese claimed the Communists were trying for last-minute gains before the truce takes effect.

Six From Michigan

By The Associated Press

At least six known prisoners of war will return to Michigan after the fighting stops in Vietnam.

Under the cease-fire agreement announced Tuesday night by President Nixon, the prisoners will be released within 60 days after the cease fire begins Saturday.

Those from Michigan now known to be held prisoner and due to return within the next two months include:

Capt. Robert Abbot, Deckerville.
Maj. Willard Gideon, Mount Clemens.
CWO Michael O'Conner, Warren.
Maj. Donald Odell, Mount Clemens.
Capt. Joseph Shanahan, Grand Rapids.
Lt. James Warner, Ypsilanti.

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ICB Approves Stock Dividend

Stockholders of Inter-City bank at their annual meeting Tuesday approved a stock dividend of four shares of ICB stock for every three shares of common stock owned by holders of record on Jan. 12.

They also authorized issuance of 55,000 additional shares of \$10 par value, which will increase the common capital stock outstanding by \$550,000, to a total of \$2,200,000.

Also during the session, Eitel Eberhardt, bank president and chairman of the board, reported total deposits as of the end of 1972 were \$75.1 million, an increase of 15.5 per cent over the \$65 million a year ago.

Eberhardt also reported total loans increased by 28.7 per cent; net operating earnings after taxes were up 24.5 per cent representing \$3.88 per share on 156,844 shares outstanding. Cash dividends declared for 1972 totaled \$1.56 per share. Market value of trust assets increased by 100 per cent.

Phil J. Sexton, Eitel O. Eberhardt, Charles A. Castle, Dan L. Smith and James F. Murphy.

The newly elected board held an organizational meeting immediately after the stockholders' session and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President and chairman of board, Eitel Eberhardt; executive vice president and cashier, James F. Murphy; senior vice presidents, Charles A. Castle, Dan L. Smith and A.J. Hoshein; vice president and controller, Z.E. Mileski; vice presidents, John Lesch and Robert Walters; auditor, James S. Blair; assistant vice presidents, James Falvey, Walter Karpinski, Robert Small; assistant controller, C. Terry Hartlerode; director of personnel, Mrs. Zelma Morris; assistant cashiers, Mrs. Doris Balos and Mrs. Betty J. Lecher; branch managers, Mrs. Eleanor Hildebrand, John North, Ray St. Pierre, Gene Watson, John Wilk; loan officers, Charles W. Dinges, Dale Leighty, David Sprout; vice president and trust officer, Richard Helmrich and Robert B. O'Neill; trust officer, Paul Monteith, investment trust officer, Paul R. Schlaack.



CLINTON E. KNOX
Ambassador Held Captive

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Editorial Page

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Abortion Is A Right, Supreme Court Rules

Recommending adoption of abortion reform just prior to last November's popular referendum, this newspaper said editorially: "There is doubt whether Michigan can retain its present anti-abortion law even if voters reject Proposal B (a liberalized abortion statute)." The editorial added that "The U.S. Supreme Court ultimately will rule all similar anti-abortion laws unconstitutional."

By a wide margin, Michigan voters rejected liberalized abortion. But this week, also by a wide (7 to 2) margin, the Supreme Court, as predicted, ruled that the states may not outlaw abortions during the first six months of pregnancy.

The ruling produced this comment from Dr. Maurice S. Reizen, director of the State Department of Public Health: "It is the department's belief that the high court's decision has left Michigan with no laws on abortion at the present time."

In Birmingham, Mich., the director of an abortion referral service promptly announced that an abortion clinic will be open in nearby Clawson or Troy by the end of the week.

The situation underlines another statement from this newspaper's pre-referendum editorial: "Certainly Proposal B—statutory control to provide safe abortions up to a limit of 20 weeks—is better than no regulation at all."

To prevent exactly such a condition from coming true, health chief Reizen said Tuesday he will seek Gov. William Milliken's permission to put into effect rules and regulations prepared by the health department last year to control abortion facilities and practices. Meanwhile, the Legislature—under heavy pressure from all sides—will be rushing to write and adopt a new abortion control measure. Under such conditions, it is problematical whether the state will get a good bill, or a constitutionally valid one.

Actually, this week's Supreme Court ruling is not as revolutionary as it may sound at first glance. Rather it is a compromise, a something-for-everybody effort. During the first three months of pregnancy, no state may interfere with the right of a woman to have an abortion. During the second three months, the states may regulate the abortion procedure in ways that are reasonably related to maternal health.

Once the fetus is viable, after six months or 26 weeks of pregnancy, states may regulate or even forbid abortion except where it is necessary "in appropriate medical judgment for the preservation of the life or health of the mother."

So, in effect, Women's Lib prevails in the beginning of the birth cycle and the Tories prevail at the end.

Obliquely, Justice Harry Blackmun, who delivered the court's landmark decision, appeared critical of religious fervor that has been written into some state laws prohibiting abortion. He said that at the time of the adoption of the Constitution and throughout most of the 19th century, "Abortion was viewed with less disfavor than under most American statutes currently in effect." The comment is a backhanded slap at some religious denominations, most notably Catholic and Lutheran, who have cemented their religious views into domestic statutes governing not only themselves but everyone else, as well.

The Supreme Court confirmed that morality is good for all of us but that it must be more flexible than the now-canceled anti-abortion laws of some 28 to 29 states, including Michigan.

One interesting aspect of the abortion decision is that the supposedly conservative "Nixon Supreme Court" is not all that conservative. In this instance, in fact, it has followed the Warren Court's activist philosophy.

The activist theory hold that courts should initiate action on their own to restore civil and individual rights which the legislatures, or even the public itself, are preventing others from exercising.

Until the one-man, one-vote decision came along last decade, U.S. courts traditionally refused to get into sticky messes unless there was a strong showing of fraud, oppression, duress, etc. Courts said these were political matters to be resolved at the ballot box. Samples of this "political thicket" philosophy are legion: tax assessments, gerrymandering, election procedures, dirty books, to mention only a few.

Even a ban on teaching evolution was sustained in the Scopes' appeal to the Supreme Court in the 1920's.

The abortion decision indicates that the present Supreme Court is not, as the liberals claim, turning back the clock.

It Costs \$18 Million But Ryan May Be Right

The cost of researching, developing and passing Michigan's laws has nearly tripled—from \$6.6 million to nearly \$18 million—in the past five years. Much of the cost has gone into salaries of additional staff members in both the Senate and the House.

House Speaker William A. Ryan, Detroit Democrat, says the added money is well spent. And he just may be right.

In the analysis of spending and other bills, Ryan explains, "We have to compete with executive branch departments and their staffs of experts. Five years ago we had no aids to the committees, now 12 of the 32 committees have full-time assistants." What Ryan means is something that State Sen. Charles Zollar, the Benton Harbor Republican who is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has often noted publicly. It is

not uncommon for the departmental experts in the various state departments to try to do a snow-job on the legislators. These experts are paid full-time and can throw figures around as nimbly as a juggler. The lawmakers need their own experts to determine what is necessary and what is gold-plate.

Says Ryan: "State government employment increased 30 per cent to 52,000—and no one complains about that. No one watches the department staff people and the trips they take or the money they spend the way they watch the Legislature."

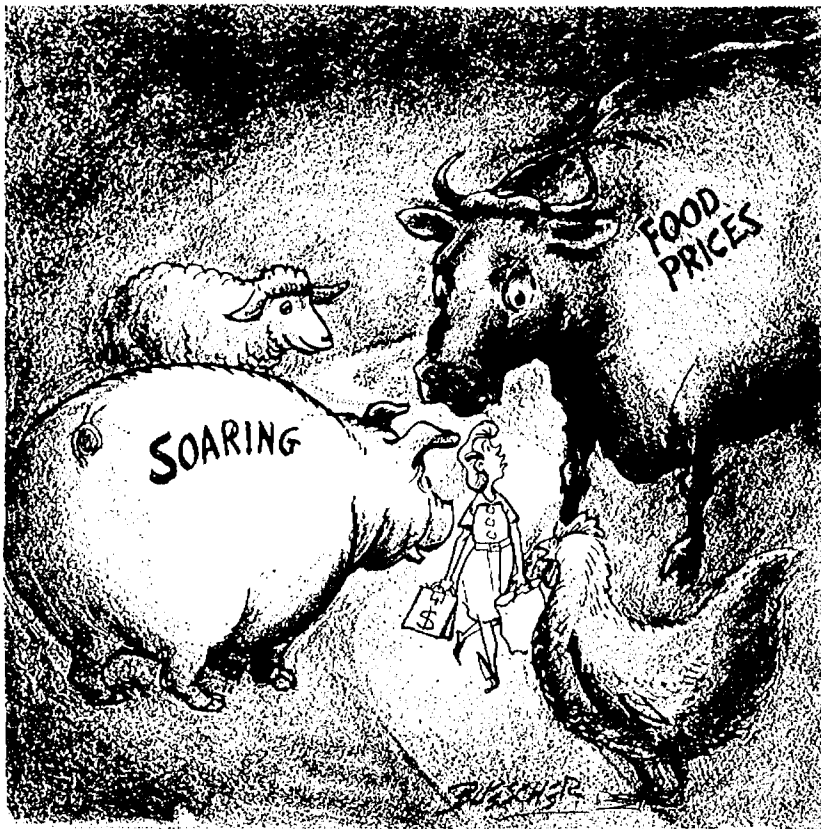
Ryan adds that the \$18 million the Legislature spends "represents about one-half of one per cent of all state expenditures which the Legislature must oversee."

Speaker Ryan certainly is correct theoretically in his description of how the lawmakers' staff assistants should operate. The only trouble is that, in order to buy votes, the lawmakers often are just as eager to over-spend as some of the salaried bureaucrats. In the last analysis, the only real protection that the public has lies in the savvy and conscience of individual legislators.

Baja California's slender, oddly contorted boom trees exist on a winter's ration of perhaps two inches of rain, National Geographic says.

Once the symbol of Japanese chivalry and later of militarism, the tachi, or samurai blade, today is revered as a work of art. Fewer than a score of craftsmen preserve the techniques borrowed from Chinese swordsmiths nearly two millenniums ago, the National Geographic Society says.

This Little Housewife Went To Market



GLANCING BACKWARDS

ST. JOSEPH
—1 Year Ago—

St. Joseph Fire Chief Horlan H. Neidinger was well and expertly roasted, showered with gifts, and the department he ran for the past 10 years praised for its exceptional fire prevention record.

A capacity crowd of 185 at the Flagship restaurant, St. Joseph Holiday Inn, gave Neidinger and his wife, Hazel, a standing ovation at his retirement birthday dinner. Neidinger, according to several sources, came from the flats of Decatur, on June 23, 1929, to join the department and served the city of St. Joseph and total of 42 years and seven months. He was promoted to captain in 1937 and to chief in 1962.

NO RELIEF SEEN
FROM WINTER'S BLAST
—10 Years Ago—

No immediate relief was in sight today for the wild blizzard which struck southwest Michigan.

Heavy snow flurries and squalls are predicted tonight, tomorrow and Friday. Temperatures are expected to cling around the zero mark, according to the U.S. Weather Bureau in Grand Rapids. Official temperature readings in the area ranged from 6 below in South Haven and 8 below at Benton Harbor down to -12 at Paw Paw and -16 at Cassopolis.

SOVIET FORCES
ATTACK KEROCH
—29 Years Ago—
The German high command

communiqué said today that the Russians had pierced German lines at one point northwest of Kirovograd, had renewed their onslaughts between the Pripet and Berezina Rivers and had stepped up their pressure at Keroch.

Another Berlin broadcast said fighting was taking place within the town of Keroch. Red army troops are charging forward with mounting fury on the Leningrad front but their attacks "have been repelled or halted in some sectors," said the communiqué broadcast by the Berlin radio.

RECEIVE ORDER
—39 Years Ago—

Clark Equipment company, manufacturers of auto parts, speed drills, factory tractors and railroad tractors, with plants at Buchanan, Battle Creek, Jackson and Berrien Springs, has received an order for \$100,000 worth of automobile parts from the Hispanola Motor Co. of Barcelona, Spain.

ANNIVERSARY BANQUET
—49 Years Ago—

Upwards of 150 persons attended the Kiwanis club anniversary banquet at the Malleable building in Benton Harbor. Frank A. Jensen of Rockford, Ill., former superintendent of schools in Benton Harbor, was the principal speaker.

SIGNS OF SPRING
—59 Years Ago—

The new 1914 brood of chickens has arrived and now the ground hog, dated to show up soon, and the first robin will have to take a back seat as harbingers of spring. The first brood of chickens was reported by Mrs. Susan Aldrich of Niles.

SKATING PARTY
—81 Years Ago—

The ice on the marsh near the highway bridge was strong enough today to bear up a party of skaters, enjoying the sport for the first time this winter.

Reds Double Attacks On South

SAIGON (AP) — Communist attacks in South Vietnam doubled overnight just before the announcement of the cease-fire agreement. South Vietnamese claimed the Communists were trying for last-minute gains before the truce takes effect this weekend.

There was widely scattered ground fighting, and U.S. and South Vietnamese planes were operating as usual. Communists reported 147 North Vietnamese and 12 South Vietnamese killed.

U.S. sources indicated that American bombing strikes would begin tapering off Thursday but that some strikes probably would be flown until just before the start of the ceasefire at 8 a.m. Sunday, Saigon time, or 7 p.m. EST Saturday.

The sources said it appeared likely that U.S. advisers still in the field with South Vietnamese troops and assigned to provincial and district teams would begin pulling out in the next few days.

BUSINESS DEALS
DETROIT (AP) — McCord Corp. announced agreement Tuesday to acquire about 95 per cent of the capital stock of Electric Products Manufacturing Corp. in Dallas, Tex.

Waste Disposal Plan Dumped

SAGINAW, Mich. (AP) — A controversial federal program for disposal of waste from southeastern Michigan in Huron and Tuscola counties in the Thumb area will be discarded, Rep. James Harvey, R-Mich., assured local leaders Tuesday.

Under the Army Corps of Engineers plan, the waste would be pumped through a vast underground tunnel system, spreading 2.7 billion gallons a day over more than 900 square miles.

Bruce Blosser

Earthquakes Point To New Mysteries



WASHINGTON (NEA) — In the lonely cold of Pittsburgh's stadium, the electric scoreboard lit up with a sad epitaph: "Roberto Clemente — 1934-1972." There were no spectators, but cameras flashed to the nation this evidence that a great athlete's death touched the daily lives of many people.

In the literal sense, he died in a plane crash off the coast of his native Puerto Rico. In a larger way, he was the victim of an event which reflects a partially unraveled mystery about the earth's crust.

He would never have been on that faltering aircraft had he not undertaken personal overseeing a mercy mission to Managua, Nicaragua, where two days before Christmas a violent earthquake killed several thousand, injured many thousands more, and leveled all but a fourth of the capital's buildings.

Earthquakes of course are a familiar story. In the past 20 years, there have been thousands of strongly measurable shocks. Heavy loss of life has resulted 26 times since 1900.

They were certainly not new to Managua. Quakes in 1885 and 1931 flattened the city as in 1972. But had leaders in Nicaragua in 1931 known and acted upon what scientists know today, there might have been no massive disaster (this time, no mercy mission, and no early death for the great, generous-hearted Roberto Clemente).

Even in 1931, admittedly, a good deal was known about making buildings earthquake-proof. Managua itself has two

such 18-story buildings still standing despite the earth's shocks.

But there is much more than this. The fact is that knowledge about the earth's crust has virtually exploded since World War II. Indeed, the science of the crust and its movement has been radically transformed in just 10 years. Who knows or cares? We all should.

A great new theory about that crust has won acceptance. It is more than an interesting "mystery unveiled." If accurate, it touches the daily concerns, the very lives, of millions living on the earth's widely plotted "fault lines," where crustal action tears and blasts the surface. Along the Pacific rim from South America's tip to the islands above Australia, that movement has been steadily disruptive.

Abandoned is the old idea that the earth's crust is a rigid sphere, broken only by irregular seams where the disruptions occur. Geologists now believe the crust is composed of roughly 20 shifting "plates" which carry the continents and oceans. They slide over a hot, semi-plastic layer, moving at varying pace in different areas, often colliding at their edges in crashing upheavals (as at Managua).

No serious scientist today doubts that this plate movement causes "continental drift." It is accepted not only that South America and Africa were once joined (their sub-surface coastal rock strata match perfectly), but that all continents once were huddled in a single mass.

Marianne Means

Connally: GOP Spirit Of '76?



WASHINGTON — The number of people who believe that John Connally will sit quietly in Texas and confine his ambitions to making money the next four years could fill a telephone booth.

Connally showed up at some of the inaugural festivities last weekend, although there was no celebration as such by Democrats-for-Nixon. His presence was a reminder that although Connally has no official role in the new Administration—as yet—he remains a powerful figure where President Nixon is concerned.

Connally has exerted considerable influence the past two months in shaping the outlines and personnel of the second term, conferring frequently at Camp David with the President on hirings and firings as well as on grander strategy. Connally for instance, was one of those who insisted the Secretary of Commerce Peter Peterson be

dumped. By contrast, Vice President Spiro Agnew has played virtually no role in preparations for the second term. There is no evidence he was consulted on much of anything, and the President took away one of his few major responsibilities, service as official liaison with the nation's governors. He has not yet given Agnew additional responsibilities and all that Agnew's staff will predict for the coming years is that he may make "many trips abroad."

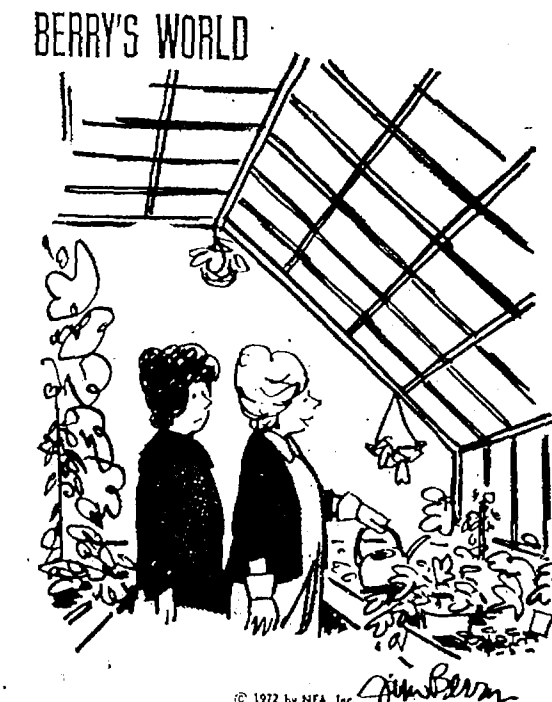
If it can be said, then, that one man is currently President Nixon's favorite as his successor for the 1976 GOP Presidential nomination the evidence points more strongly toward Connally than Agnew.

"If I were Agnew, I'd be worried about that fellow (Connally)," Sen. Hubert Humphrey recently observed jocularly.

President Nixon asked Connally to be Secretary of State shortly after the election, but Connally turned it down. Connally felt that as long as Henry Kissinger is in the White House, control over foreign policy resides with him rather than in the State Department. And Connally does not like to be second to anyone; that is one reason his relationship with his mentor, Lyndon Johnson, was frequently a rocky one.

If Kissinger should leave in a year or so, after a Vietnamese peace settlement, as he has hinted he may, that might make the State Department post seem more appealing. The way would then be clear for Connally to return to Washington in a visible and powerful position that would serve as a base for a Presidential bid.

Friends say that Connally will soon move toward the Republican Party, either by first becoming a Democratic-independent as Sen. Harry Byrd, Jr., has done, or by a direct shift. Ironically, the longer he waits, the more awkward his old friend, Robert Strauss, Democratic National Committee chairman, will appear.



"We switched over when we found that our rare flowers were not as valuable as vegetables!"

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Ward Appointment Under Study

One-Man, One-Vote Is Key BH Charter Issue

BY JIM SHANAHAN
BH City Editor

A new city charter for Benton Harbor will not be a sudden happening.

The charter commission adjourned Tuesday after passing a resolution to "suspend all meetings until such time as we have a speaker."

The "speaker" can be a university professor or attorney expert in municipal charters or Leslie Cripps, city director of urban development, to pinpoint block-by-block population for reapportionment of voting wards.

The measure passed 8 to 1 with Commissioner Williams Parks dissenting. He wanted to start digging in, at least discussing the present charter.

Reapportionment in line with the "one-man, one-vote" ruling is regarded as a key issue for the charter commission. If it retains the ward system of representation, census figures show an imbalance of population with only the First and Fourth Wards fairly equal.

The Third Ward with a population of 6,916 is the biggest with nearly three times as many people as the First, the smallest.

The charter commission could write a document calling for election of all legislators in at-large voting. However, there seems to be sentiment for retaining the present dual system of representation by wards and at-large. Former Mayor Wilbert Smith, charter commission vice chairman, called it the best form he's seen.

Tuesday's meeting was only the second for the charter commission since its election Jan. 5. The suspension of

meetings until expert testimony is obtained may not mean any great delay in proceedings, but it does represent a deviation from the original schedule of Tuesday and Wednesday meetings at 4 p.m. with a two-hour time limit.

Commission Chairman Victor Greer said he believed it would be a waste of time and money to hold a meeting today without hearing some expert testimony so commissioners could consider pros and cons.

The charter commission's rules established by the city commission set pay at \$10 a meeting for a maximum of 30 meetings.

Parks observed it could take more than 30 meetings, pay or no pay.

City Atty. Samuel Henderson presented the commission with

a list of attorneys and political scientists the commission can tap as counsel and resource personnel. Because of his position with the city, Henderson will not serve as general counsel to the charter commission.

Henderson also said the Michigan Municipal League can provide materials and experts by Feb. 14.

However, the charter commission voted 6 to 3 to request the city commission to permit Don Stewart, city manager, to act as a consultant for the charter body. Opposing votes were cast by Mrs. Barbara Jones, Mrs. Annie Lee Robinson and James Murphy.

Another resolution was approved 9 to 0, naming Mrs. Evelyn Grenawitzke, charter commission clerk and city clerk, to act as liaison officer for delivering messages between charter commission and city manager's office.

Lincoln Township Receives Petitions In Water Protest



ADVISERS RECEIVE RECOGNITION: Junior Achievement of Blossomland, Inc., covering the Twin City and Lakeshore areas, held a dinner Tuesday night at the Holiday Inn in St. Joseph for nearly 20 advisers to junior achievement mini-companies. Advisers received certificates, pins and pen and pencil sets for their efforts in working with area youth. Kaje Makarewicz, assistant to the vice president from the JA regional office in St. Louis, Mo., told the advisers to forget the "dying breed" of hippies and yuppies and help the vast majority of American youth develop imagination, originality and inventiveness through business experience in JA. From left: Howard Nahlikian, JA program manager; Charles Johnson, board president of JA of Blossomland; and Makarewicz.

Hearing Draws Crowd Of 500 At Stevensville

BY CURT BARTON
Staff Writer

An estimated 500 Lincoln township residents packed the bleachers in the Stevensville elementary school gym last night to question Lincoln township officials about the township's proposed \$2.4 million water service extension plan.

Petitions reported to contain over 1,000 signatures of township residents opposed to the plan were turned in at the close of the meeting.

SIGNATURES BEING CHECKED

Township officials said it would take at least a week to verify the signatures and determine if signers own enough land to block the project.

Signatures of owners of 20 per cent of the land involved in the plan are required, by law, to block the proposal.

The signatures were collected in a drive led by Stevensville real estate agent Reuben Newman who estimated the number of signers at over 1,000. He was collecting them up to the end of the meeting. He estimated the signers represented 30 per cent of the 2,200 acres involved.

"The biggest majority" of last night's crowd appeared to be opposed to the water plan, in the opinion of Ernest Hauch, Lincoln township supervisor.

Trustee Fred Albrecht, however, said he felt the crowd was about evenly divided.

CONCERNED ABOUT COST

Most questions raised by the audience during the two-and-a-half hour session involved the cost to homeowners.

Hauch and Charles Barger, engineer who designed the proposed system, told questioners that each of the 2,292 parcels of land included in a special assessment district to be created for the water plan will have to pay a \$800 benefit charge.

The charge will have to be paid, according to Hauch, whether or not the owner decides to hook into the water system.

Landowners will be able to carry the \$800 on their tax bills for 15 years at six per cent interest, starting this year, if approved. Hauch said the payment on that plan would average \$77 a year for the 15 years.

Barger said fire hydrants would be located every 500 feet along the 36 miles of streets to be served by water pipes. He said homeowners' fire insurance would be reduced by \$35 to \$50 annually by the hydrants.

According to Barger, homeowners must expect to pay an additional \$580 to \$650, besides the benefit charge, if they want to utilize the water. The additional money would cover the tap-in charge, water meter and costs of laying pipe to the house.

Homeowners who do not choose to utilize the water will not have to pay those costs, Hauch said.

Barger questioned about water bills homeowners may expect said they would be billed one-and-one-half times the rate paid by St. Joseph city residential users.

A typical family bill will be \$18 to \$20 per quarter, if the rate increase recently proposed by the St. Joseph city commission



PETITION SIGNERS: Reuben Newman, left, looks on as Lincoln township residents sign his anti-water petition during recess in hearing in Stevensville. Newman led petition drive against proposed \$2.4 million plan. Meeting was recessed by township officials to allow spectators to sign petition, since close of meeting was deadline for signing.

is enacted, Barger said. Bills will be lower if the rate increase is not enacted, he said.

'AT ST. JOSEPH'S MERCY'

The water rate arrangement was criticized by spectators who said Lincoln water users would be "at St. Joseph's mercy" on the rates they would have to pay.

Hauch said the proposed increase is the first by the city since 1956.

Harry E. Grenawitzke Jr., Berrien county health department environmentalist, said the system was needed because many wells in Lincoln township do not meet state law requirements.

He said many wells are so shallow they "draw down" water from septic system drain fields. He said harmful bacteria are killed as the water passes through the ground, but the water remains polluted by nitrate and phosphate chemicals.

PROBLEM AREA SPOTLIGHTED

He said two areas which have particular trouble with polluted well water are the Echo Ridge and Ponderosa Heights subdivisions.

Echo Ridge was developed by water system critic Newman, according to Bernice Tretheway, township clerk.

Asked why the township did not install a sewer system rather than a water system, Barger said underground water would continue to be polluted by septic systems for up to a year after use of the septic systems was discontinued.

He also said the water system proposed could be completely installed by October of next year, while a sewer system would take from three to five years.

Hauch said subdivisions with particularly bad water problems would be scheduled for work first, and could have water late this year.

Hauch said wells now in use will not have to be stopped up if city water is hooked up to, and can continue to be used for purposes such as watering lawns.

Elkhart Paper Is Printed At Our Plant

Residents of Elkhart, Ind. got the Elkhart Truth newspaper Tuesday straight from the presses of the Benton Harbor News-Palladium and St. Joseph Herald-Press.

This newspaper printed 22,000 copies of the 28-page Elkhart Truth Tuesday after the Elkhart presses broke down.

Carl Reiner, circulation manager of the Elkhart Truth, chartered a plane and flew into Benton Harbor yesterday afternoon with mats for the Truth.

Pages were cast here by 3:50 p.m. and the last paper left the plant by 5:28 p.m., William Fisher, News-Palladium and Herald-Press production manager, said.

One truck from the Truth and two trucks borrowed from this newspaper then carried the papers back to the Elkhart plant. Elkhart readers got their papers only five hours behind normal schedule.

Fisher was notified about 11 p.m. that the Truth had obtained necessary parts from a Rockford, Ill. factory and would be able to handle today's press run.

The Truth and this newspaper have the same style presses and the Truth pages fit the press here. The Truth also has always offered a neighborly hand to this newspaper in the past, Fisher said.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Jan. 24 State Police Count:
Last year 110
This year 109

SJ Twp. Planners Gas Station Plans Against Mortuary,

BY DICK DERRICK
SJ City Editor

St. Joseph Township Planning Commission Tuesday night voted to recommend rejection of funeral home and service station proposals.

On a 4 to 1 decision, planners voted to recommend to the St. Joseph township board that the bid of Frost Funeral home, Benton Harbor, for a special use permit be denied. Frost Funeral home requested a special use permit to develop a funeral home on Napier avenue at Fairplain avenue.

The planners voted unanimously to deny a petition of Ed-Krieger, Lincoln avenue, St. Joseph township, to rezone property on Niles road to permit a service station.

Dave Kempf of the planning commission, moved to permit the Frost Funeral home request. On the resulting vote, only Kempf voted yes. Planner Orville Owings abstained and the other four members of the board, Charles Garlanger, Don Masini, Robert DeVries, and Royce Leary, voted no.

All of the planners rejected the oft-repeated charges that the funeral home operation would increase Napier traffic. They did, however, recognize the impact of a commercial venture on residential property values.

Kempf spoke sharply against those who oppose any commercial venture in the township despite the need for a

higher tax base. He noted deterioration near the Frost site and said he thought the funeral home would provide a good use for commercially zoned area. Property along Napier is zoned commercial but a special use permit is required.

Although zoned commercial, that section of Napier is regarded as a residential strip.

DeVries said zoning regulations require a 70-car parking lot. The setback for cars parked along Napier avenue would cut the number

of parking spaces available. Putting the two regulations in effect would cut the available parking lot below requirements, thus making the application void, DeVries pointed out.

Board chairman, Ernest Knaut, ordered a study on this aspect.

The next planning commission hearing will be Tuesday, Feb. 20 when American Homestead of Kalamazoo will present formal plans for a housing development on south Lakeshore drive.



WAITING: Some of estimated 500 people wait for doors of Stevensville elementary school to be unlocked for



public hearing on Lincoln township water last night. Meeting was moved to school by township officials.

(Staff photos)

Berrien Doctors Okay Blood Plan

Red Cross Volunteer Program Over First Hurdle



DR. RICHARD LININGER
Explains procedure

BY JIM SHANAHAN
JH City Editor

The Berrien County Medical society has approved participating in a Red Cross-sponsored volunteer donor program to supply blood needs at hospitals in the county.

The Red Cross program would replace the current volunteer and professional donor system. Federal agencies and other groups are demanding elimination of the professional or paid donor method of supplying blood banks.

Berrien County Chapter of American Red Cross in partnership with the Red Cross Regional Blood center at Lansing would be responsible for supplying the blood needs of hospitals through an all-volunteer donor system.

L. Robert Doner, chairman of the Berrien Red Cross chapter, termed the Medical society's acceptance "the first formal step toward launching the Red Cross blood donor program here." Doner noted that all counties in the lower peninsula, except 11, are

served by the Red Cross program and about half the blood for transfusions in the U.S. is supplied through American Red Cross.

Here's how it works, according to Doner:

—Hospitals contract with Red Cross to supply blood at a fixed price of \$13.80 a unit (pint). This represents the cost of processing which is performed by the Lansing Regional Blood center.

—Red Cross recruits volunteer donors and blood is collected through a series of

Bloodmobile visits to the county. It is estimated Berrien needs about 5,900 pints annually, which could be drawn in 40 Bloodmobile visits.

—Cost to the county Red Cross chapter is estimated at about \$22,000 a year for a paid blood coordinator part of the processing costs and other expenses.

—Patients in Berrien hospitals receiving transfusions are not charged for the blood itself. There is a charge for processing the blood and the transfusion procedure.

—If Berrien county joins the Red Cross program, a Berrien resident is covered anywhere in the U.S. He is not charged for the blood itself.

R. E. Lininger, M.D., a pathologist and director of Mercy hospital's blood bank, said the volunteer-professional donor system requires the patient to get volunteer donors or pay \$25 a pint for the amount of blood used.

If the patient replaces blood by the volunteer method, two pints are required for the first one used. After that it's a one-on-one basis.

If the patient is billed \$25 a pint, the hospital then calls in paid donors to make the replacements in the blood bank.

Many insurance policies cover the cost of blood, so the patient makes no effort to get donors. "Some of our blood

banks now average 60 per cent professional donors because of the 'paid up' account," said Dr. Lininger.

Each hospital in the county operates its own blood bank with exchanges made as needed, according to Dr. Lininger. Under the Red Cross program, processed blood would be delivered with the hospital having only to match types.

Dr. Lininger said national concern over increased incidence of hepatitis in the "skid row" paid donor has prompted

the American Association of Blood Banks, Red Cross and federal agencies to demand 100 per cent volunteer programs by 1975.

Approval by the Medical society of the Red Cross plan was required because physicians must be in attendance at all bloodmobile visits.

Doner said contracts must still be approved with hospitals in the county, but Red Cross is hopeful of getting the program started by the second half of this year.



L. ROBERT DONER
Red Cross Chief



VEGETABLE QUEEN CROWNED: Coleen Krieger, 17, (center) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Krieger, Hill road, Watervliet, was crowned the first Great Lakes Vegetable Queen Tuesday night at the Olds Plaza in Lansing. The contest was held in conjunction with annual Great Lakes Vegetable Growers convention. Named second runner-up was Theresa Pudell, 18,

(right) of Sodus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pudell, 4688 River road. Coleen is senior at Watervliet high school and Theresa attends Lake Michigan college. First runner-up was Anne Oomen, 21, (left) of Hart, a student at Grand Valley State college. Chairman of contest was Mrs. Alton Wendzel of Watervliet.

National-Standard Profits Up Sharply

NILES — A 22 per cent sales increase and substantially improved earnings were part of the first quarter financial results announced today by Board Chairman T. H. Pearce at the National-Standard Company annual stockholders' meeting.

For the three months ending Dec. 31, 1972, net sales were \$40,376,407, compared to \$33,085,791 for the comparable period a year ago. Earnings were \$1,599,373 or 37 cents per share, compared to last year's first quarter earnings of \$690,516 or 16 cents per share.

William D. Pearce of Niles and Charles E. Schroeder of Evanston, Ill., were elected as new members of the board of directors. L. F. Koerber, Jr., a director since 1967, was re-elected. Terms are for three years.

Pearce, a Niles civic leader, is marketing vice president of the company, and also serves as president and director of National-Standard's Canadian subsidiary.

Schroeder is treasurer and director of Miami Corporation, a private investment company located in Chicago. He is also a director of the National Boulevard Bank of Chicago, treasurer and director of Cutler Oil & Gas Corporation, and director of the First National Bank of Antioch.

Chairman Pearce attributed the first quarter profit increase to improved conditions in most areas of the company. He stated that one abnormal profit element was a French subsidiary's first quarter earnings of nine cents per share. He explained that a large equipment order virtually completed last year was not shipped until the first quarter of this fiscal year.

Other foreign operations also improved, according to Pearce. "However, the English subsidiary is still losing money on steel tire cord manufacturing, and we are faced with start-up expenses of the new tire cord plant by our affiliate in Luxembourg," he added.

Pearce told stockholders the company's domestic business was excellent in the last quarter. He said the long-established metals and metal fabricating divisions have been

operating near full capacity to meet the demand of a rising economy.

The radial tire machinery business — which operated at a loss in 1972 due to high

development costs — became profitable during the quarter, according to Pearce. Sales volume continues to climb and the backlog has increased to approximately \$6 million.



WILLIAM D. PEARCE



CHARLES E. SCHROEDER

Roller Skates Stolen In Coloma

COLOMA — The theft of four pairs of roller skates valued at \$276 was reported Tuesday to Coloma township police by Mrs. Ed Cerny, of the Crystal Roller Skating Rink, Paw Paw Lake road, Coloma.

Mrs. Cerny told police that the rink was entered sometime during the past weekend.

General Meeting Called

Paw Paw Teachers Don't Like Their Report Cards

BY STEVE McQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Teachers here, upset over recent evaluations of their work by the administration, have scheduled a general membership meeting of the teacher's union for Thursday at the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Marian Pfister, president of the 106-member union at Paw Paw, said the general membership meeting will be a "brainstorming session" to determine how to react to the evaluations.

She said the evaluations, released last Friday, caused tears and irritation among some teachers.

Mrs. Pfister, who has been with the school system for 15 years, said even veteran teachers are "feeling the

pressure" caused by the evaluations and comments attached to the evaluations.

The teacher's union president accused administrators of "desperately trying to find something bad" in their evaluations, adding that teachers active in the union seem to be "hit harder" than others.

She said too often there were criticisms about a room's lighting, temperature or condition after five hours of teaching.

Teachers have no control over lights and heat and any room would look disorderly after a day's teaching, she said.

"Teachers feel we are getting a very negative approach with no positive reinforcement," Mrs. Pfister said. She said some teachers took

their evaluations to Robert Nichols, the Van Buren county representative to the Michigan Education association.

Nichols reported in a news release that "...66 per cent of the available evaluations completed within the last 30 days were unfavorable."

Supt. Norval Bovee denied that the evaluations were either meant to be a form of harassment or were discriminatory.

He admitted, however, that the evaluations could represent a "get tough" policy to some.

He said tenure teachers haven't been evaluated formally "in recent years" and the policy this year of evaluating all the staff could be interpreted as a tougher approach.

"We are concerned with one

thing," Bovee said, "and that is providing a quality education for our students."

He added: "The great majority of our staff are quality teachers, but everyone is being evaluated, even me."

Bovee said that the school board, as representatives of the taxpayers, has a right to know "the strong points and weak points of our staff."

The evaluations, and recommendations on teachers, will go to the school board in a special meeting in March, he said.

Teachers whose employment is to be terminated must be notified by April 1.

Mrs. Pfister said the evaluations and the resulting pressure has already caused one non-tenure teacher to resign.



SUPT. NORVAL BOVEE
Denies Harassment

She said she knows of seven or eight others who are definitely looking for work and "...a couple of other teachers intending to leave very shortly, even if it means leaving teaching."

Buchanan Annexation Plan Finds Stiff Opposition

BY LYLE SUMERIX
South Berrien Bureau

BUCHANAN — Proposed annexation by Buchanan city of 400 acres from Buchanan township ran into stiff opposition from township residents and officials during a state Boundary commission hearing here last night.

The land involves \$1,229,742 of the township's \$12 million total valuation for tax purposes which amounts to about half of real market value.

Included in the area are seven industries, three commercial establishments and 32 residences occupied by 88 people.

Ivan Price, township supervisor, labelled the city move as "nothing more than a tax grab."

The city has said it seeks the land to protect its water supply and for orderly expansion.

Petitions opposing the annexation were presented to the

commission, headed by David R. Callhoun of Huntington Woods.

Callhoun said the petitions would be considered along with other information gathered at the hearing and previously filed with the commission by the city and township. He said a decision would not be forthcoming for at least 90 days.

The area sought by the city lies to the west, bounded by Fourth Street road, Bakertown road, Penn Central tracks and the city limits.

Price said the loss would be a crucial blow to the township. It also would hurt the Buchanan school system by taking away potential funds for maintenance of township roads on which school buses run, according to Price.

He also countered the city's claim of need to protect its water supply, by pointing out the area in question represents only a small portion of the total watershed of McCoy creek which

flows through the well fields.

The township also maintained that it had zoned the area adjacent to the city's well fields and McCoy creek as agricultural as a means of protecting the water supply.

Presenting petitions against the annexation were Donald Flenar, Dewey Bicard and Dennis Smedley.

Township officials also noted that with but one exception, all businesses and industries concerned were either opposed to annexation or were neutral.

Supporting the city position were city officials, spokesman for the Chamber of Commerce and Herbert Henderson, president of a machine shop located in the disputed area.

Mayor Joseph C. Bachman told the commission the city needed the land to protect its water supply because of the septic tank drainage in the area into McCoy creek.

According to Bachman, the effluent percolates into the muck and gravel in the first few feet of the city's water supply from the creek.

The mayor also said the city has been ordered to expand its sewage treatment plant to serve 15,000 people, while having only 4,800 in the city. If expansion is not carried out, he said, city residents would have to bear the cost alone.

Bachman said included in the area was the Buchanan hospital which has been unsuccessfully seeking city water and sewer service. The mayor said an agreement to run the lines into the township has not been obtainable from the township.

Last night's hearing was the second in as many weeks involving Buchanan city and township. Last week the commission heard arguments on the city's attempt to annex land to the east for location of a bypass between River street and Niles-Buchanan road.